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**APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF ON APPEAL**

Dear Sir:

Appellants respectfully submit this Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 41.41 in response to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed on February 9, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**I.     STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-5, 71, 140, 141, 287 and 288 are pending in this application. Claims 6-70, 72-139 and 142-286 have been cancelled. The present Appeal is directed to claims 1-4, 71, 140, and 287-288 that were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Linehan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,495,533), and claims 5 and 141 that were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Linehan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,495,533) in view of Kravitz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,738,905) in a final office action dated September 23, 2005.

**II. GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL**

1. Claims 1-4, 71, 140, and 287-288 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Linehan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,495,533).

2. Claims 5 and 141 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Linehan et al. in view of Kravitz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,738,905).

**III. ARGUMENT**

Applicants note for the record that the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed on February 13, 2007, is in relevant part and substance identical to the original Examiner's Answer mailed on September 14, 2006. Accordingly, applicants incorporate herein by reference the Appellants' Amended Brief filed on August 11, 2006, in its entirety for all purposes, as the previously submitted brief already addresses the points raised by the Supplemental Examiner's Answer. All points and arguments made and presented in the previously filed brief are to be considered as if provided in response to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer as if presented herein.

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